Docket No. TAMAR-P2630

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ronald Lesser

Serial No.:

09/157,998

Art Unit: 2765

Filed:

September 22, 1998

Examiner: Jeanty, Romain

For:

A SOFTWARE DEVICE TO FACILITATE CREATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS, MEDICAL LETTER, & MEDICAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is to confirm the undersigned Applicant's attorney's understanding that the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 is a non-final Office Action.

STATUS COMMUNICATION

Among other things, the undersigned Applicant's attorney's assistant, Maria Nadal, discussed this issue on the telephone this morning with both Supervisor Tariq Hafiz and Examiner Jeanty. Examiner Jeanty confirmed that the Office Action dated May 21, 2002 is a non-final Office Action, and indicated that he will fax to the undersigned Applicant's attorney an Examiner's Interview Summary confirming same.

In connection with both this inquiry and the non-final status of the Office Action, Applicant notes that page 1 of the May 21, 2002 Office Action indicates that the

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action is "FINAL" but that paragraph 1 of page 2 states that "[t]he following is a Nonfinal Office Action." Similarly further indicating that the Office Action should be nonfinal, the Examiner's comments in the Examiner's Interview Summary faxed to Applicant's counsel on February 6, 2002 show that Claim 69 was "inadvertently left out in the last office action [and that] ... any future office action dealing with Claim 69 will be nonfinal." Because it appears that the May 21, 2002 Office Action does deal with Claim 69 (which depends from Claim 68, and, among other things, the May 21, 2002 Office Action states that "dependent claims would be allowable if overcome [sic] the 112 second rejection." Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the May 21, 2002 Office Action is/was non-final.

Applicant looks forward to receiving Examiner Jeanty's confirming correspondence in due course.

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Respectfully submitted.

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